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I would appreciate it if you could take early occasion to call on
von Brentano and pass on to him the following orally:

BEGIN MESSAGE

Selwyn Lloyd has given me an account of his talk with von Brentano prior
to their departure from Geneva with particular reference to question of Four
Power Commission. We have been thinking about possible role of such a
commission with German advisers attached to study reunification, contacts
between West and East Germans, and perhaps principles to govern a peace
treaty. I gathered from Lloyd that such a device might be acceptable to
von Brentano. As a matter of fact it would be pretty much identical with
the commission proposed by the Bundestag resolution of July 2, 1958 as
transmitted to US Government under cover of aide memoire from the Foreign
Office dated September 9, 1958. I would be glad to have von Brentano's
further views on this possibility as something which might conceivably be
used during the course of forthcoming negotiations at Geneva.

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You will recall that we received information during final week in
Geneva

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Geneva that von Eckardt had drafted a proposal combining original German standstill concept with device of Four Power commission with German advisers to consult during period of standstill. Von Eckardt had indicated his belief that von Brentano could accept this. We have had no further word as to status of proposal and would appreciate any information Embassy can provide as to whether von Eckardt's paper is still under active consideration.

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